

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of November 1, 2004 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1 - 7 were examined. As a result of this examination, claim 1 has been rejected as anticipated by Suzuki (5,891,591), while claims 2 - 7 are indicated as being objected to. It has been indicated that claims 2 - 7 would be allowed if their dependence from claim 1 were eliminated.

In view of the objection to claims 2 - 7, claims 2 - 3 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 8 - 9, claim 4 amended to depend from new claim 8, and new claims 10 - 13 added which parallel claims 4 - 7 but depend from claim 9. As a result, claims 4 - 13 are in prima facie condition for allowance.

There remains the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Suzuki. This rejection is respectfully traversed.


While Suzuki relates to a battery terminal, and while there may be some similarities to the battery connector of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that there is no anticipation. As a minimum, claim 1 recites that the battery connector has a wall face that confronts a board face of a circuit board and opposes the arcuate portion of the mountain-like projection, which is not seen in Suzuki. For Suzuki to anticipate claim 1, it is necessary that **every** positively recited feature be found in Suzuki. If not, then Suzuki cannot anticipate claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Suzuki cannot anticipate claim 1 if this structure is not found in Suzuki.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested and claim 1 allowed along with claims 4 - 13.

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